MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether *satrams* open to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus are not open to all?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are open to all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that the representatives of the depressed classes have applied for a separate *satram* for them at the Cape?

PRESIDENT: The Secretary does not seem to know that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware of such representations?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware

PRESIDENT: A site was even inspected by the Dewan.

Kidangannoor V. P. School.

388 ❋ **MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Education Department has raised the Kidangannoor V. P. School to a V. M. School;

(*b*) if so, when, and for how many years has the raised V. M. School been conducted;

(*c*) how many pupils there were, during such year or years, in Class IV of that school;

(*d*) what all classes were conducted at that time;

(*e*) the reason why such a school was put a stop to;

(*f*) how many pupils there are in Class IV of that school now (8-8-1111); and

(*g*) whether there is any other complete V. P. School in Kidangannoor *kara*?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) i. Chingam 1092.

ii. 4 years and 11 months.

(*c*) 1092 ... 35 pupils
1093 ... 37 pupils
1094 ... 30 pupils
1095 ... 40 pupils
1096 ... 40 pupils.

(*d*) Classes I to VI.

(*e*) For want of sufficient strength.

(*f*) 32.

(*g*) No.

Inspection of Vaidyasalas.

389. ❋ **MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *Vaidyasalas* inspected by the Inspector of Ayurveda, with dates;

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(*b*) of those grant-in-aid *Vaidyasalas* inspected this year, how many were found to be not functioning properly; and

(*c*) what action has been taken in respect of those found to be not working properly?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) It is not possible to give the information unless a particular period is specified.

(*b*) Certain irregularities were noticed in the case of two *Vaidyasalas*.

(*c*) The Inspector has fined the *Vaidyans* concerned.

Levy of income tax from the Proprietor of the Hindu.

390 ❋ **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the proprietors of the newspaper *The Hindu* are recognised as carrying on business in or having business connection with Travancore within the meaning of the Travancore Income Tax Regulation; and

(*b*) whether the proprietors of *The Hindu* have paid any income tax in Travancore in 1108, 1109 or 1110?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not for 1108 and 1109. But action has been taken to assess the proprietors of *The Hindu* to income tax for 1110 and 1111.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the proprietors of *The Hindu* had any business in Travancore before 1110?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They might have had.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Was any action taken to assess them to income-tax for the period before 1110?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Apparently, they escaped the notice of the assessing authorities.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Did the authorities care to ascertain the income of the proprieters of *The Hindu* for the period prior to 1110?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No, Sir. Even if it is ascertained, it is not assessable now.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the nature of the action so far taken for assessing the proprietors of *The Hindu* for purpose of income-tax?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Government have issued a notification in order to make the income of *The Hindu* proprietors assessable to income-tax.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Has any statement been received from the proprietors of *The Hindu* with regard to their income for the years 1110 and 1111?

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